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# Integral Means Inequalities for Fractional Derivatives of Some General Subclasses of Analytic Functions

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## Abstract

Integral means inequalities are obtained for the fractional derivatives of order of  $p + \lambda$  ( $0 \leq p \leq n$ ;  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ ) of functions belonging to certain general subclasses of analytic functions. Relevant connections with various known integral means inequalities are also pointed out.

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## 1. Introduction, Definitions, and Preliminaries

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions  $f(z)$  normalized by

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k$$

that are *analytic* in the open unit disk

$$\mathcal{U} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}.$$

Also let  $\mathcal{A}(n)$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of all functions  $f(z)$  of the form:

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (a_k \geq 0; \quad n \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}).$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{T}(n)$  the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}(n)$  of functions which are *univalent* in  $\mathcal{U}$ , and by  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha(n)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_\alpha(n)$  the subclasses of  $\mathcal{T}(n)$  consisting of functions which are, respectively, *starlike of order  $\alpha$*  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) and *convex of order  $\alpha$*  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) in  $\mathcal{U}$ . The classes  $\mathcal{A}(n)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}(n)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha(n)$ , and  $\mathcal{C}_\alpha(n)$  were investigated by Chatterjea [1](and Srivastava *et al.* [9]). In particular, the subclasses:

$$\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T}(1), \quad \mathcal{T}^*(\alpha) := \mathcal{T}_\alpha(1), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C}(\alpha) := \mathcal{C}_\alpha(1)$$

were considered earlier by Silverman [7].

Next, following the work of Sekine and Owa [4], we denote by  $\mathcal{A}(n, \vartheta)$  the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of all functions  $f(z)$  of the form:

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} e^{i(k-1)\vartheta} a_k z^k \quad (\vartheta \in \mathbb{R}; a_k \geq 0; n \in \mathbb{N}). \quad (1.1)$$

Finally, the subclasses  $\mathcal{T}(n, \vartheta)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha^*(n, \vartheta)$ , and  $\mathcal{C}_\alpha(n, \vartheta)$  of the class  $\mathcal{A}(n, \vartheta)$  are defined in the same way as the subclasses  $\mathcal{T}(n)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha(n)$ , and  $\mathcal{C}_\alpha(n)$  of the class  $\mathcal{A}(n)$ .

We begin by recalling the following useful characterizations of the function classes  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha^*(n, \vartheta)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_\alpha(n, \vartheta)$  (see Sekine and Owa [4]).

**Lemma 1.** *A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n, \vartheta)$  of the form (1.1) is in the class  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha^*(n, \vartheta)$  if and only if*

$$\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} (k - \alpha) a_k \leq 1 - \alpha \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}; 0 \leq \alpha < 1). \quad (1.2)$$

**Lemma 2.** *A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n, \vartheta)$  of the form (1.1) is in the class  $\mathcal{C}_\alpha(n, \vartheta)$  if and only if*

$$\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} k(k - \alpha) a_k \leq 1 - \alpha \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}; 0 \leq \alpha < 1). \quad (1.3)$$

Motivated by the equalities in (1.2) and (1.3) above, Sekine *et al.* [6] defined a general subclass  $\mathcal{A}(n; B_k, \vartheta)$  of the class  $\mathcal{A}(n, \vartheta)$  consisting of functions  $f(z)$  of the form (1.1), which satisfy the following inequality:

$$\sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} B_k a_k \leq 1 \quad (B_k > 0; n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

It is easy to verify each of the following classifications:

$$\mathcal{A}(n; k, \vartheta) = \mathcal{T}_0^*(n, \vartheta) =: \mathcal{T}^*(n, \vartheta) = \mathcal{T}(n, \vartheta),$$

$$\mathcal{A}\left(n; \frac{k-\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \vartheta\right) = \mathcal{T}_\alpha^*(n, \vartheta) \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1),$$

and

$$\mathcal{A}\left(n; \frac{k(k-\alpha)}{1-\alpha}, \vartheta\right) = \mathcal{C}_\alpha(n, \vartheta) \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1).$$

As a matter of fact, Sekine *et al.* [6] also obtained each of the following basic properties for the general classes  $\mathcal{A}(n; B_k, \vartheta)$ .

**Theorem 1.**  $\mathcal{A}(n; B_k, \vartheta)$  is the convex subfamily of the class  $\mathcal{A}(n, \vartheta)$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(z) = z \quad \text{and} \quad f_k(z) = z - \frac{e^{i(k-1)\vartheta}}{B_k} z^k \\ (k = n+1, n+2, n+3, \dots; n \in \mathbb{N}). \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

Then,  $f \in \mathcal{A}(n; B_k, \vartheta)$  if and only if  $f(z)$  can be expressed as

$$f(z) = \lambda_1 f_1(z) + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \lambda_k f_k(z),$$

where

$$\lambda_1 + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \lambda_k = 1 \quad (\lambda_1 \geq 0; \lambda_k \geq 0; n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

**Corollary 1.** The extreme points of the class  $\mathcal{A}(n; B_k, \vartheta)$  are the functions  $f_1(z)$  and  $f_k(z)$  ( $k \geq n+1; n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) given by (1.4).

Applying the concepts of extreme points, fractional calculus, and subordination, Sekine *et al.* [6] obtained several integral means inequalities for higher-order fractional derivatives and fractional integral of functions belonging to the general classes  $\mathcal{A}(n; B_k, \vartheta)$ . Subsequently, Sekine and Owa [5] discussed the weakening of the hypotheses for  $B_k$  in those results by Sekine *et al.* [6]. In this

paper, we investigate the integral means inequalities for the fractional derivatives of  $f(z)$  of a general order  $p + \lambda$  ( $0 \leq p \leq n$ ;  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ ) of functions  $f(z)$  belonging to the general classes  $\mathcal{A}(n; B_k, \vartheta)$ .

We shall make use of the following definitions of fractional derivatives (cf. Owa [3]; see also Srivastava and Owa [8]).

**Definition 1.** The *fractional derivative of order  $\lambda$*  is defined, for a function  $f(z)$ , by

$$D_z^\lambda f(z) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\lambda)} \frac{d}{dz} \int_0^z \frac{f(\zeta)}{(z-\zeta)^\lambda} d\zeta \quad (0 \leq \lambda < 1), \quad (1.5)$$

where the function  $f(z)$  is analytic in a simply-connected region of the complex  $z$ -plane containing the origin and the multiplicity of  $(z-\zeta)^{\lambda-1}$  is removed by requiring  $\log(z-\zeta)$  to be real when  $z-\zeta > 0$ .

**Definition 2.** Under the hypotheses of Definition 1, the *fractional derivative of order  $n + \lambda$*  is defined, for a function  $f(z)$ , by

$$D_z^{n+\lambda} f(z) := \frac{d^n}{dz^n} D_z^\lambda f(z) \quad (0 \leq \lambda < 1; n \in \mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}).$$

It readily follows from (1.5) in Definition 1 that

$$D_z^\lambda z^k = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k-\lambda+1)} z^{k-\lambda} \quad (0 \leq \lambda < 1). \quad (1.6)$$

We shall also need the concept of subordination between analytic functions and a subordination theorem of Littlewood [2] in our investigation.

Given two functions  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$ , which are analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$ , the function  $f(z)$  is said to be *subordinate* to  $g(z)$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  if there exists a function  $w(z)$ , analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with

$$w(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |w(z)| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}),$$

such that

$$f(z) = g(w(z)) \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

We denote this subordination by

$$f(z) \prec g(z).$$

**Theorem 3** (Littlewood [2]). *If the functions  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with*

$$g(z) \prec f(z),$$

*then*

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |g(re^{i\theta})|^\mu d\theta \leq \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^\mu d\theta \quad (\mu > 0; 0 < r < 1).$$

## 2. The Main Integral Means Inequalities

**Theorem 4.** *Suppose that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n; k^{p+1}B_k, \vartheta)$  and that*

$$\frac{(h+1)^q B_{h+1} \Gamma(h+2-\lambda-p)}{\Gamma(h+1)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(n+1-p)}{\Gamma(n+2-\lambda-p)} \leq B_k \quad (k \geq n+1)$$

*for some  $h \geq n$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ , and  $0 \leq q \leq p \leq n$ . Also let the function  $f_{h+1}(z)$  be defined by*

$$f_{h+1}(z) = z - \frac{e^{ih\vartheta}}{(h+1)^{q+1} B_{h+1}} z^{h+1} \quad (f_{h+1} \in \mathcal{A}(n; k^{q+1}B_k, \vartheta)). \quad (2.1)$$

*Then, for  $z = re^{i\theta}$  and  $0 < r < 1$ ,*

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |D_z^{p+\lambda} f(z)|^\mu d\theta \leq \int_0^{2\pi} |D_z^{p+\lambda} f_{h+1}(z)|^\mu d\theta \quad (0 \leq \lambda < 1; \mu > 0).$$

*Proof.* By virtue of the fractional derivative formula (1.6) and Definition 2, we find from (1.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} D_z^{p+\lambda} f(z) &= \frac{z^{1-\lambda-p}}{\Gamma(2-\lambda-p)} \left( 1 - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} e^{i(k-1)\vartheta} \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda-p)\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+1-\lambda-p)} a_k z^{k-1} \right) \\ &= \frac{z^{1-\lambda-p}}{\Gamma(2-\lambda-p)} \left( 1 - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} e^{i(k-1)\vartheta} \Gamma(2-\lambda-p) \frac{k!}{(k-p-1)!} \Phi(k) a_k z^{k-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Phi(k) := \frac{\Gamma(k-p)}{\Gamma(k+1-\lambda-p)} \quad (0 \leq \lambda < 1; k \geq n+1; n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Since  $\Phi(k)$  is a *decreasing* function of  $k$ , we have

$$0 < \Phi(k) \leq \Phi(n+1) = \frac{\Gamma(n+1-p)}{\Gamma(n+2-\lambda-p)} \\ (0 \leq \lambda < 1; k \geq n+1; n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Similarly, from (2.1), (1.6) and Definition 2, we obtain, for  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ ,

$$D_z^{p+\lambda} f_{h+1}(z) \\ = \frac{z^{1-\lambda-p}}{\Gamma(2-\lambda-p)} \left( 1 - \frac{e^{ih\theta}}{(h+1)^{q+1} B_{h+1}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda-p)\Gamma(h+2)}{\Gamma(h+2-\lambda-p)} z^h \right).$$

For  $z = re^{i\theta}$  and  $0 < r < 1$ , we must show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left| 1 - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} e^{i(k-1)\theta} \Gamma(2-\lambda-p) \frac{k!}{(k-p-1)!} \Phi(k) a_k z^{k-1} \right|^\mu d\theta \\ \leq \int_0^{2\pi} \left| 1 - \frac{e^{ih\theta}}{(h+1)^{q+1} B_{h+1}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda-p)\Gamma(h+2)}{\Gamma(h+2-\lambda-p)} z^h \right|^\mu d\theta \\ (0 \leq \lambda < 1; \mu > 0).$$

Thus, by applying Theorem 3, it would suffice to show that

$$1 - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} e^{i(k-1)\theta} \Gamma(2-\lambda-p) \frac{k!}{(k-p-1)!} \Phi(k) a_k z^{k-1} \\ < 1 - \frac{e^{ih\theta}}{(h+1)^{q+1} B_{h+1}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda-p)\Gamma(h+2)}{\Gamma(h+2-\lambda-p)} z^h. \quad (2.2)$$

Indeed, by setting

$$1 - \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} e^{i(k-1)\theta} \Gamma(2-\lambda-p) \frac{k!}{(k-p-1)!} \Phi(k) a_k z^{k-1} \\ = 1 - \frac{e^{ih\theta}}{(h+1)^{q+1} B_{h+1}} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2-\lambda-p)\Gamma(h+2)}{\Gamma(h+2-\lambda-p)} \{w(z)\}^h,$$

we find that

$$\{w(z)\}^h = \frac{(h+1)^{q+1} B_{h+1} \Gamma(h+2-\lambda-p)}{e^{ih\theta} \Gamma(h+2)} \cdot \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} e^{i(k-1)\theta} \frac{k!}{(k-p-1)!} \Phi(k) a_k z^k$$

which readily yields  $w(0) = 0$ .

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |w(z)|^h \\
& \leq \frac{(h+1)^{q+1} B_{h+1} \Gamma(h+2-\lambda-p)}{\Gamma(h+2)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(k-p-1)!} \Phi(k) a_k |z|^{k-1} \\
& \leq |z|^n \frac{(h+1)^{q+1} B_{h+1} \Gamma(h+2-\lambda-p)}{\Gamma(h+2)} \cdot \Phi(n+1) \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(k-p-1)!} a_k \\
& = |z|^n \frac{(h+1)^{q+1} B_{h+1} \Gamma(h+2-\lambda-p)}{\Gamma(h+2)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(n+1-p)}{\Gamma(n+2-\lambda-p)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(k-p-1)!} a_k \\
& = |z|^n \frac{(h+1)^q B_{h+1} \Gamma(h+2-\lambda-p)}{\Gamma(h+1)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(n+1-p)}{\Gamma(n+2-\lambda-p)} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(k-p-1)!} a_k \\
& \leq |z|^n \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{k!}{(k-p-1)!} B_k a_k \\
& \leq |z|^n \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} k^{p+1} B_k a_k \leq |z|^n < 1 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}), \tag{2.3}
\end{aligned}$$

by means of the hypothesis of Theorem 4.

In light of the last inequality in (2.3) above, we have the subordination (2.2), which evidently proves Theorem 4.

### 3. Remarks and Observations

First of all, in its special case when  $p = q = 0$ , Theorem 4 readily yields

**Corollary 2** (cf. Sekine and Owa [5, Theorem 6]). *Suppose that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n; kB_k, \vartheta)$  and that*

$$\frac{B_{h+1} \Gamma(h+2-\lambda)}{\Gamma(h+1)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+2-\lambda)} \leq B_k \quad (k \geq n+1)$$

for some  $h \geq n$  and  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ . Also let the function  $f_{h+1}(z)$  be defined by

$$f_{h+1}(z) = z - \frac{e^{ih\vartheta}}{(h+1)B_{h+1}} z^{h+1} \quad (f_{h+1} \in \mathcal{A}(n; kB_k, \vartheta)). \tag{3.1}$$



Then, for  $z = re^{i\theta}$  and  $0 < r < 1$ ,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |D_z^\lambda f(z)|^\mu d\theta \leq \int_0^{2\pi} |D_z^\lambda f_{h+1}(z)|^\mu d\theta \quad (0 \leq \lambda < 1; \mu > 0). \quad (3.2)$$

A further consequence of Corollary 2 when  $h = n$  would lead us immediately to Corollary 3 below.

**Corollary 3.** Suppose that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(n; kB_k, \vartheta)$  and that

$$B_{n+1} \leq B_k \quad (k \geq n+1). \quad (3.3)$$

Also let the function  $f_{n+1}(z)$  be defined by

$$f_{n+1}(z) = z - \frac{e^{in\vartheta}}{(n+1)B_{n+1}} z^{n+1} \quad (f_{h+1} \in \mathcal{A}(n; kB_k, \vartheta)).$$

Then, for  $z = re^{i\theta}$  and  $0 < r < 1$ ,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |D_z^\lambda f(z)|^\mu d\theta \leq \int_0^{2\pi} |D_z^\lambda f_{n+1}(z)|^\mu d\theta \quad (0 \leq \lambda < 1; \mu > 0).$$

The hypothesis (3.3) in Corollary 3 is weaker than the corresponding hypothesis in an earlier result of Sekine *et al.* [6, p.953, Theorem 6].

Next, for  $p = 1$  and  $q = 0$ , Theorem 4 reduces to an integral means inequality of Sekine and Owa [5, Theorem 7] which, for  $h = n$ , yields another result of Sekine *et al.* [6, p.953, Theorem 7] under weaker hypothesis as mentioned above.

Finally, by setting  $p = q = 1$  in Theorem 4, we obtain a slightly improved version of another integral means inequalities of Sekine and Owa [5, Theorem 8] with respect to the parameter  $\lambda$  (see also Sekine *et al.* [6, p.955, Theorem 8] for the case when  $h = n$ , just as remarked above).

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